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REF: a) State 1546; b) Tripoli 008 Pet 14 Libya NA Pet 3 OPEC

SUBJ: Libyan Negotiations with Occidental

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1. Department actively engaged consultations with oil companies re possible formula to respond to OPEC demands (see reftel A). In light Libyan plans meet with Occidental January 9 we, as well as companies, are anxious that these plans not be jeopardized [redacted] B1 during next few days. We are impressed that some major oil companies now appear to be taking more flexible approach to the new rules of the oil game, that they are working closely with us on these problems, and also that they now requesting our assistance [redacted]

2. We understand Occidental [redacted] to send delegate to Tripoli January 9 empowered B1

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to reach agreement on LARG demands (reftel B). LARG requested Oxy Chairman Hammer come in person to Libya.

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4. Department would appreciate Embassy's judgment as to Libyan's tactics: is GOL prepared give Occidental or other companies sufficient time to consider demands, say, two weeks or the rest of this month, or is it insisting on positive reply within a few hours or days?

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5. While we cannot become involved in substance of issues between LARG and companies, we favor positive USG role in facilitating communication between both sides and therefore, hopefully, genuine negotiation. Accordingly, unless you perceive overriding objections in context total US-Libyan relations, Embassy should approach LARG at appropriate high level, and referring to reports of meeting with Occidental January 9, state we trust Occidental and other companies LARG may approach will be allowed reasonable time to study and respond to any Libyan requests. You may also say that we understand international oil companies at highest levels now studying OPEC demands, which they take most seriously, and we are anxious to avoid precipitous action which could ~~M~~ be damaging to all parties concerned. GP-3.

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